

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 11 as follows:

The continuous-flow vertical composting tower with the insulated thermic pile is advantageously held clear of the ground, freely allowing air induction through the base of the tower, at rates close to the metabolic requirement of the bacteria in the pile, (the stoichiometrically determined oxygen requirement). The tower can be mounted on a plinth or open ended supporting structure, or over an ~~over~~ open cavity to achieve this.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 10 as follows:

Operating Temps: Primary Chamber ~~(12)~~ (13)

Top: 80 - 85°C

Middle: 60 - 70°C

Bottom: 45 - 50°C